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BOOK 5



The North Pole



Tommy Tales

"It's very cold outside, Tommy," said Mrs. Tomkins. "Put on your gloves and hat. Make sure that Sam wears her gloves and hat, too."

"Do you think it will snow today, Mom?" asked Tommy. "I've never seen real snow."

"No, Tommy. It doesn't get cold enough in our town for snow," replied Mrs. Tomkins.



Sam was first awake on Christmas morning. She ran downstairs to the Christmas tree. There were lots of presents under the tree.

The first thing she saw was a large, red envelope. Written on the envelope in large, black letters was: "To Samantha, from Santa Claus."

She quickly opened the envelope. Inside were the gloves she had lost at the North Pole. There was also a photograph of a very handsome snowman.





They gathered all the things together and ran back to the snowman. They used all the things they borrowed to finish the snowman. He was a very handsome snowman.

"I'm getting cold," cried Sam. "I've lost my gloves."

"I'm cold too," said Kim. "Let's go back to the park."

In an instant, RK-5 sent them all back to the big, blue bench at the park.



Tommy and Sam met their friends at the big, blue bench in the park. "Have any of you seen real snow?" asked Tommy.

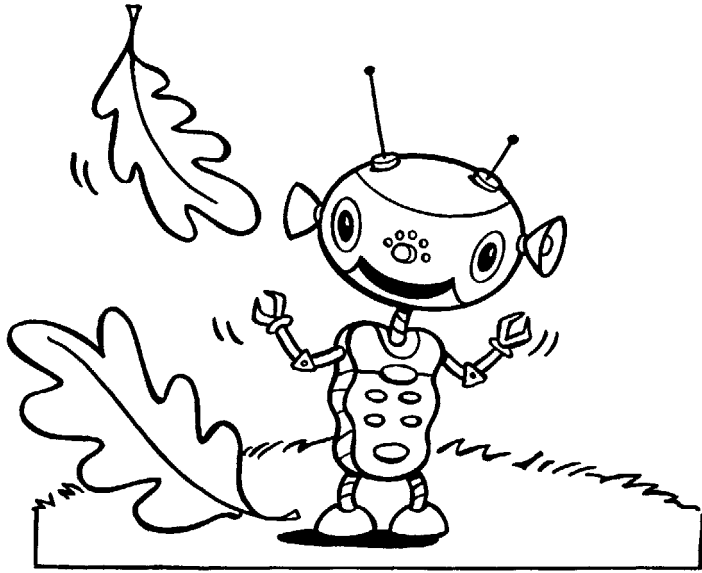
Andy said, "No."

Lucy said, "No, never. I'd like to play in the snow."

Kim said, "No, but I'd like to make a big snowman."

"Let's ask RK-5 to take us to a place where there is lots of snow," said Tommy.

Tommy gently pulled his little robot friend from his pocket.



RK-5 said, "How can I help you today?"

"We want to go to a place where there is lots of snow," said Tommy.

"We want to play in the snow," said Lucy.

"We want to make a snowman," said Kim.

"I can take you to the snow," said RK-5.

"You must first tell me the name of the place."

"What about Iceland?" said Andy.

"No," said Kim. "There may be all ice there and no snow."

"We must finish our snowman," said Lucy.

"We can use some coal for his eyes."

"The reindeer let me have this carrot for his nose," said Kim.

"The reindeer also said you can use some of the things in the brown box outside," said RK-5.

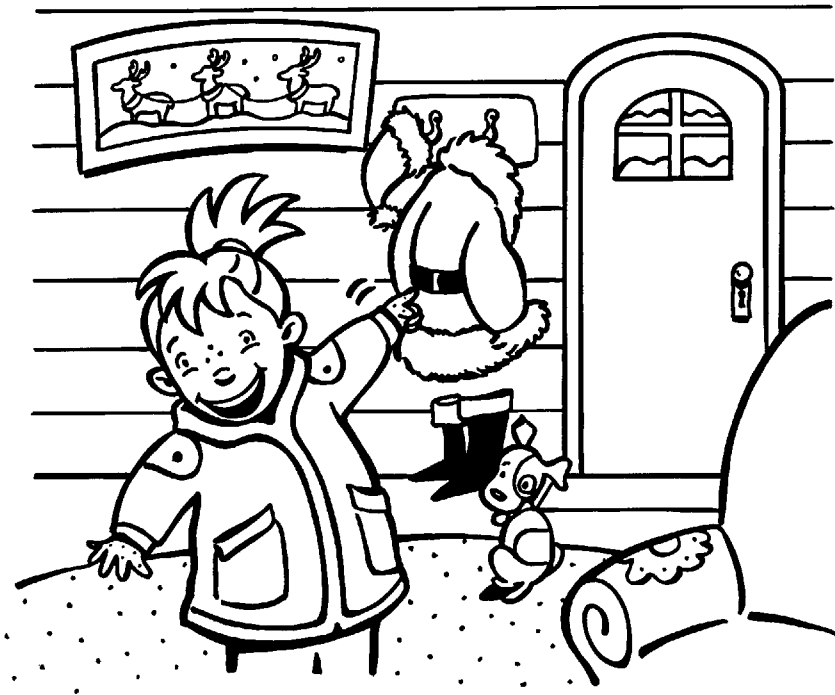


"Look behind the door," said Sam. They all turned around and saw a red jacket trimmed with white. "It's Santa's coat," whispered Sam.

"No, it's just a red jacket," said Tommy. "Santa Claus is not a real person."

"Oh yes he is," shouted Sam, "and this is his house."

The others did not know what to believe.



"There's snow in Greenland," said Lucy.

"I'm not sure," said Tommy. "Snow is white, not green."

"Let's go to the North Pole," said Sam.

"Santa Claus lives there. There's always snow at the North Pole."

"Yes! Good idea, Sam. We'll go to the North Pole," said Tommy.

"I thought it might be cold today. I brought some of my little brother's clothes for Bongo to wear," said Kim.

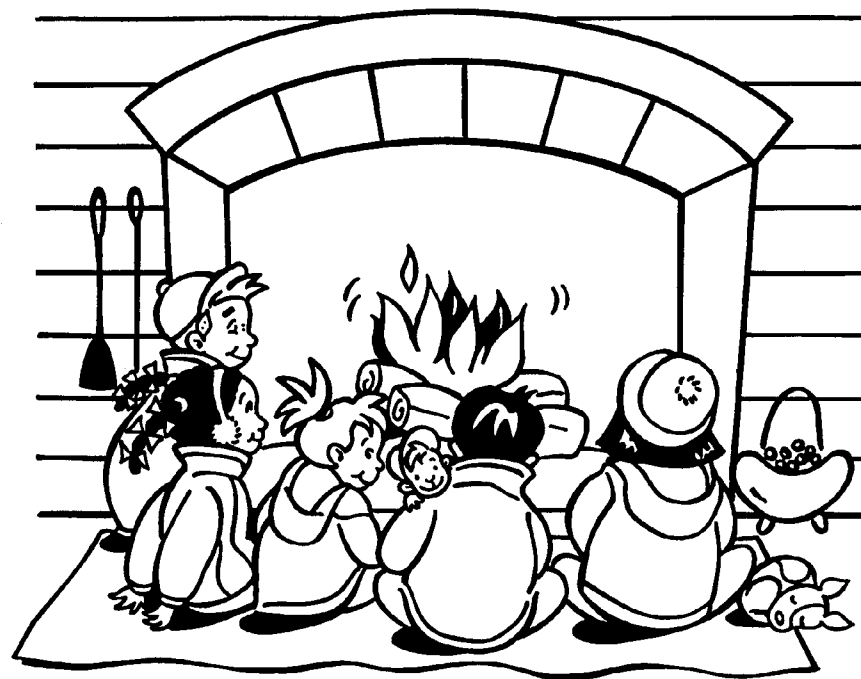


"RK-5, please take us to the North Pole," said Tommy.

"I will," said RK-5. A set of buttons came out of the robot's chest.

"Press the numbers 14-15-18-20-8 and 16-15-12-5 x 7," said RK-5.

Tommy pressed the numbers. There was a flash of light and a cloud of blue smoke. The five friends, Taffy, and Bongo were on their way to the North Pole.



Tommy knocked again. There was no answer. Tommy opened the door and shouted, "Hello! Is anyone at home?"

Still no answer.

Tommy shouted to his friends, "There's a big fire in here. Come in and get warm before we go back."

They all went in and huddled around the fire.

RK-5 thanked the owl and they all ran toward the trees. Behind the trees was a little house. In front of the house were four friendly reindeer.

Tommy knocked on the door of the house. The others petted the reindeer.



They landed gently in the soft, white snow. Lucy was the first to stand up. "Look! It's the North Pole," she shouted.

Soon everyone was throwing snowballs and laughing. They all loved playing in the snow. "Let's make a snowman!" yelled Kim.

The girls rolled a snowball in the snow. It became bigger and bigger and bigger. The boys also made a big snowball. It was not as big as the one the girls made.



The girls' snowball became the body of the snowman. The boys' snowball became the head of the snowman. Tommy put the head on the body.

"We need something to make his eyes, his nose, and his mouth," said Tommy. "What can we do?"

"I could ask her, on the pole," said RK-5.



The kids turned around and saw a snowy, white owl. She was sitting on top of the North Pole.

"Yes! Yes! Ask her," said Tommy.

RK-5 faced the snowy owl and hooted, "Twitt-a-whooo, twitt-a-whooo."

The snowy owl hooted back. "She said try the house behind those trees, you may find what you want there," said RK-5.